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369 166 [574] [425] [623] He works the lougan (1) of his host; after a few months he

1. Lougan: a Wolof term signifying a cultivated field.

obtains a little grant of land from the head of the village; he builds a hut, and often his family joins him and comes to share his life. Diakhaté and Keur-Issa-Bambara grow. The new settler takes advantage of the inactivity that the dry season imposes on him by offering his services temporarily to the urban establishments. Each year he divides his activities, which become half-urban, half-rural. If stable employment is offered to him in the city, he leaves the care of his lougan to his family and devotes himself entirely to his new activity. For a few months he will accept this daily [494] travel, but he has no deep attachment in the village that welcomed him earlier; tired of his long daily journeys, perhaps also pushed by a kind of pride in becoming a city dweller, he will finally, he and his family, leave the rural life and settle in the huts of the native quarters of Thiès.

369 241 Perhaps he retained a little lougan in the village? His family will come to maintain it each year. Perhaps he exchanged it for a field located in the vicinity of his new establishment? In general, because of a kind of peasant atavism, he always keeps a little bit of ground near his quarter. The harvest will give some protection against possible [454] shortages; the sale of the products of the soil will be a considerable balance when enforced idleness or lack of money occurs.

369 621 The period of the maximum development of Keur-Issa-Bambara is set by the old people in the decade 1910-1920. This swelling of the population often required splitting the village in two. For reasons of familial misunderstandings or the necessity of being nearer to fields too far away, this disassociation was brought about in several hamlets (at

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*511 517 [541 546] Finally, eight families more or less regularly devote a part of their incomes to the heading "Diversions"; excluding No. 36 /431/ (he attends the horse races), all go to the cinema or send their children there. They are the numbers:

No. 16: 1%	No. 36: 1%
No. 22: 3.5%	No. 39: 0.6%
No. 26: 0.9%	No. 40: 0.2%
No. 33: 0.6%	No. 43: 0.6%

[204] There must be added to that five families who read and buy newspapers:

No. 34:	Employee...	0.3% of the income
No. 36:	Accountant..	0.7% --
No. 39:	Teacher.....	1.6% --
No. 41:	Employee...	0.4% --
No. 43:	Doctor.....	2.5% --

*511 423 A final question presents itself. How, when there is any, are the surpluses utilized.

We have been able to get precise data in only two cases: No. 36 built a house to which he devoted in one year, from March 1952 to March 1953, 80,000 francs. On the [427] other hand, No. 43 has taken in rent-sale a villa in Dakar, and for that he pays 12,300 francs per month.

[554] Moreover, the ambition of many, as we have said, is to become the owner of their dwelling. Some look further and want some gardens besides. Several already possess one or the other and are only trying to improve or enlarge them. One of them claimed that he had had a well dug, but he was unable or did not want to remember the sums put into this undertaking.

*511 [472] [494] [454] [426] One of the family heads succeeded in starting a transportation business after having purchased two carts and a horse. Some hoard. We believed that a cultivator had a good-sized bank account and loaned the money at usurious rates. We have